

**CITY OF INGLESIDE
MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 26, 2015**

1. Call meeting to order

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. with Mayor Pete Perkins presiding. Council Members present: Mayor Pete Perkins and Council Members Cynthia Wilson, Kevin Robbins, Oscar Adame, Dennis Knippa, Steve Diehl, and Paul Pierce. Staff present: City Manager Jim Gray, and City Secretary Kimberly Sampson. There were approximately 25 guests.

2. Invocation

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Presentations from the Audience

There were no presentations from the Audience.

5. Consideration and action of the Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of May 12, 2015.

Only typographical errors were noted for correction.

Council Member Pierce made a motion to approve the Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of May 12, 2015 with minor typographical corrections and was seconded by Council Member Diehl. The motion was approved unanimously.

6. Discussion and public comment on the proposed amendment to the FY 2015-2018 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) to include the SH 200 project in FY 2016.

TxDOT District Engineer, Lonnie Gregorcyk, explained that even though SH-200 has been a discussion point since 1988 due to the Naval Base, it is now coming to fruition due to the growth of local industry. There is a need for a 4-lane roadway with shoulders and turn lanes; however, they will probably begin with only 2-lanes because of funding issues. The Environmental testing and ROW acquisitions are being completed for the full scale version, but they will probably only build the smaller version to begin with. At this point, the estimated cost is \$8M for the 2-lane and \$12M for the 4-lane. Besides the \$1.5M for the Environmental Phase of this project, TxDOT is also committing \$4M to the construction phase. Cheinere is committing between \$2M-\$4M. And State Representative J.M. Lozano is currently working on Legislation that may include another \$5M for SH-200. Staff is planning to hold Public Hearings in July and perform the FONZY's in October or November 2015. Once the "Planning Phase" is completed, the project will move up on the

priority list for the State and therefore can only be moved down or off the TxDOT project listing by an Emergency Need. Mr. Gregorcyk also introduced **Charles Benavides** who has replaced Bill Reitman.

- 7. Discussion regarding current City lawsuits and Highway 200. The Council may meet in Closed Executive Session in accordance with Texas Government Codes Section 551.071 to "Consult with Attorney" and Section 551.072 regarding "Deliberations about Real Property."**

Mayor Perkins recessed the Regular Meeting to open the Executive Session at 6:51 p.m.

Mayor Perkins re-convened the Regular Meeting at 7:52 p.m.

Council Member Pierce was excused from the Executive Session during the discussion regarding the lawsuit with the City of Corpus Christi. Council Member Robbins was excused from the Executive Session during the discussion regarding the zoning lawsuit.

- 8. Presentation by Jay Hold of Sarens USA, Inc. regarding the Heavy Haul Loads being transported through Ingleside during the month of June 2015.**

Mr. Jay Hold of Sarens USA stated they are the 2nd largest Heavy Haul Load company in the World. He provided an overview of the route, size, and dates of transportation. The transports will start at 6:00 p.m. where F 1069 and FM 2725 meet; then they will travel FM 2725 to SH-361; once on SH-361, they will travel through Ingleside; and end at Oxy Chem, just outside Ingleside city limits no later than 6:00 a.m. the following morning. The evenings being planned are June 8, 10, 15, and 17, 2015. They will have private escorts, Ingleside Police Department, AEP contractors, Cable One contractors United Pacific R/R and TxDOT contractors all to help us with traffic and through intersections or anywhere there are lines or signs near or over the roadway. Sarens USA has been working with all parties for several months to coordinate this large transport of equipment.

- 9. Consideration and action authorizing the City of Ingleside to enter into an agreement with Kendig Keast to produce a master plan for the City.**

John Michael of Naismith Engineering stated because the City has up-to-date GIS maps of the infrastructures they can focus on the planning, vision, etc. Gary Mitchell of Kendig Keast, from Houston, provided an overview of his background, the history of Kendig Keast, and examples of some of the Master Plans they have completed for other small communities.

City Manager, Jim Gray explained that because Kendig Keast is a member of the HGAC, they have already gone through the RFP process and we can either; (1) contract with them directly, (2) contract them through Naismith Engineering, or (3) go out for RFP's which could take an additional 60-90 days.

Council Member Diehl made a motion for the City Manager to enter into discussions with Kendig Keast and bring back a contract to include details of cost, man hours, meetings, etc. and was seconded by Council Member Pierce. The motion was approved unanimously.

10. Consideration and action to make a determination if the following structure meets the minimum standards of adopted codes or shall be demolished and removed from the property - Mr. Brian Whitley of 2730 Houghton. (Tabled from 5/27/14, 8/26/14, and 2/24/15).

Building Official John Davis stated since the meeting of February 24, 2015 at which time Mr. Brian Whitley was provided a three more months to work with the City, he has only come into the office one time. He attempted to get an electrical permit. Staff advised him that an electrician would have to pull the permit and Mr. Whitley has not been back in the office since that time. The staff has had to have the lawn mowed three times and we have had to have police escorts to remove water and electrical cords that were connected to the neighbor's property illegally. Code Enforcement Officer Carey Dietrich explained this has been brought back as an action item because the motion needs to specify that the Council is authorizing an "Order of Demolition" before the staff and issue the Order and thereby provide notice to the home owner, which allows them another 30-day appeals process at that County level.

Mayor Perkins made a motion to approve Demolition Order # 2015-05-001 determining that the following structure meets the minimum standards of adopted codes and shall be demolished and removed from the property – Mr. Brian Whitley of 2730 Houghton; and was seconded by Council Member Adame.

Council Member Wilson questioned if this was for both the house and the garage and staff confirmed the order should be for both structures.

Mayor Perkins amended his motion to specify the Order of Demolition will include all structures on the property and was seconded by Council Member Adame. The motion was approved unanimously.

11. Consideration and action to appoint/reappoint members to serve on the Ingleside Development Corporation (IDC) Board of Directors.

City Manager Jim Gray explained there are two vacancies for the terms ending in May 2016 and three appointments/reappointments for terms ending May 2015. The terms ending May 2015 consist of Cindy Wilson (current Council Member), Steve Diehl (previous citizen and new Council Member), and Ben Tucker (previous Council Member and current citizen). At the Council Member's stations is also a resume' from Mrs. Elaine Kemp who just came off Council and she is interested in serving on this Board as a citizen representative.

Council Member Pierce made a motion to appoint Ben Tucker, Steve Diehl, and Cindy Wilson for the terms ending May 2017 and Elaine Kemp for a term ending May 2016; and was seconded by Council Member Diehl. The motion was approved unanimously.

12. Consideration and action in accordance with Section 3.05 of the City Charter regarding the appointment of a Mayor Pro-Tem.

Mayor Perkins nominated Council Member Oscar Adame to serve as Mayor Pro-Tem. There were no other nominations.

Mayor Perkins made a motion to appoint Council Member Adame to serve as Mayor Pro-Tem and was seconded by Council Member Pierce. The motion was approved unanimously.

13. Consideration and action regarding the designation of the Official City Newspaper.

City Manager Jim Gray stated that the City spends about \$4,000 to \$6,000 per year in advertising with the "Official City Newspaper." The last time the staff went out for bids was late 2011. We are not currently under contract with any newspaper; however, currently the Coastal Bend Herald is our Official City Newspaper. In the past, the staff has suggested that although only one newspaper can be our Official Newspaper, we can place the ads in more than one paper.

Council Member Wilson stated she recalled the main issue in the past being the deadlines. Mr. Gray agreed that was an issue in the past. Council Member Diehl questioned if the Legislature has made any decisions regarding the requirement to have the ads on the web and Mr. Gray stated there has been discussion for two sessions; however, he hasn't seen that pass at this time.

Council Member Pierce made a motion for the staff to advertise for RFP's with the inclusion of a three year agreement and options for renewal as well as include specifics for deadlines needed for the City of Ingleside; and was seconded by Council Member Adame. The motion was approved unanimously.

14. Receive and discuss the City's financial situation, including but not limited to its budget, revenues, expenses, assets, and debts.

City Manager Jim Gray announced that Paul Baen will be rejoining our staff as Finance Director on June 1, 2015. There were no questions regarding the city finances.

15. Consideration and action regarding the purchase of radar traffic data monitoring/notification trailer for use by the Police Department.

Police Chief Stan Bynum explained this traffic trailer will flash the speed of the vehicle as it approaches the trailer. It will also retain the data to be downloaded and reviewed by staff. This equipment will assist us to deter the public by showing them their speed more publicly as well as allow us to accumulate data for staffing purposes in areas of town that need the most police presence during specific times of day. Although this equipment is similar to the equipment the Building Department uses, it is more accurate and easier to use.

Council Member Pierce questioned why this item was being brought to Council for CIP expenditures when it has not been in the CIP 5-year plan. Chief Bynum stated it was something that was just recently considered and was brought to Council for deliberation. It was questioned if there was a camera on this device and Chief Bynum stated this one has the option for an additional \$7,000; however, he does not recommend it because it cannot be used in a court of law.

Mayor Perkins made a motion authorizing the purchase of a radar traffic data monitoring/notification trailer for use by the Police Department and was seconded by Council Member Diehl.

Mayor Perkins amended his motion to use CIP funds not to exceed 9,794.11 and was seconded by Council Member Diehl. The motion was approved with Mayor Perkins and Council Members Wilson, Adame and Diehl voting aye; and Council Members Robbins, Knippa, and Pierce voting no.

16. Consideration and action to replenish the City Manager fund for equipment purchases back up to \$20,000.

City Manager Jim Gray stated he is seeking to replenish the City Manager impressed funds back to \$20,000.00. He recently purchased a used vehicle for the Public Works Director.

Council Member Adame made a motion to use CIP funds to replenish the City Manager impressed funds back to \$20,000 and was seconded by Council Member Knippa. The motion was approved unanimously.

17. Staff Reports

Mayor Perkins provided an updated that SB900 has passed the house and is not going into Committee. It doesn't have everything we were hoping for, but it is better than the previous version of Windstorm changes.

City Manager Jim Gray provided an update regarding the Industry within Ingleside. Oxy Ingleside Energy Center is 90% complete with Phase I (\$68M improvements) and is in the planning stage of Phases II (\$165M improvements). They will also be re-dredging the pier area back to 45 feet and extending the pier by 300 feet for mooring purposes only. Cheniere is still moving forward with their project.

Mr. Gray stated that while at the ICSC Conference last week, he and City Secretary Kimberly Sampson made connections with Entertainment Investors, Strip Mall Investors, Apartment Investors, and Hotel Investors. We will be following up with about 15-20 solid contacts.

Other items noted were: former Mayor Doc Lewis passed away yesterday and there will be a Memorial Service sometime in June; and Council was asked to RSVP this week if they would like to attend the TML Region II meeting in Corpus Christi on Friday, June 5 2015.

18. Requests from Council Members

Council Member Diehl requested that Naismith Engineering provide an overview of the Drainage in Ingleside similarly to what they presented to the City of Portland.

Council Member Robbins questioned by the City purchased a Hummer for the Police Department and City Manager Jim Gray stated one of the main reasons is in order to be able to pursue individuals into the high brush area of Ingleside.

19. Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

ATTEST:

Kimberly Sampson, City Secretary

APPROVED:

Mayor Pete Perkins

